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1. FONMIN RAMPHAL WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WHEN I TOLD HIM TODAY THE EXPECTATION THAT GUYANA AND BAHAMAS MEMBERSHIP QUESTION WILL PROBABLY BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY TO CONGRESS LATE MARCH OR APRIL. HE SAID THAT CONSIDRABLE CONCERN HAD BEEN EXPRESSED ON THIS SUBJECT BY THE GUYANA CHIEFS OF MISSION DURING THEIR MEETING IN GEORGETOWN THIS WEEK, AND THAT THEY HAD ASKED HIM TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH ME.

2. RAMPHAL THEN WENT ON TO ASK IF THERE WAS ANY WAY THE US COULD QUOTE LEAN UNQUOTE ON OTHER OAS MEMBERS TO PROCEED WITH RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO IDB CHARTER. I SAID I THOUGHT THAT GUYANA WAS IN MUCH BETTER LEANING POSTURE THAN USG AMONG LA COUNTRIES, BUT THAT I WOULD PASS ON HIS REMARKS TO WASHINGTON. I MADE SURE RAMPHAL UNDERSTOOD WE COULD NOT GUARANTEE EARLY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, BUT THAT WE HOPE THAT MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WOULD BE LESS CONTROVERSIAL THAN IDB REPLENISHMENT.

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